

and legacy. It is my privilege to work alongside Jim Martin and his team in our shared service to Franklin County, and I wish them continued success.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD “DICK”
HAMILTON

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard “Dick” Hamilton for his selfless work to honor the memory of our cherished state symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain. His granite resolve has led to this beautiful plaza where you stand today.

Daniel Webster wrote, “Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe, jewelers a monster watch, and dentists hang out a gold tooth. Now, up in New Hampshire, God almighty has hung out a sign to show that here he makes men.” Dick Hamilton is one of those men.

As we remember May 2, 2003, the day the Old Man gave up his perch on the side of Cannon Mountain, we also salute Dick and countless others who carry on the memory of the Old Man and what he means to the people of the Granite State. I take this time to honor Dick and keep the memory of the Old Man alive.

HONORING GARY NATIVE AND
OSCAR WINNER MIA NEAL

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Gary, Indiana, native Mia Neal, and celebrate her noteworthy achievement of winning an Oscar at the 93rd Academy Awards ceremony on April 25, 2021. Presented with the Oscar for Best Makeup and Hairstyling for her work in the film *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*, Mia, along with Jamika Wilson, have become the first African American women to win in this category. For this historic and extraordinary accomplishment, Mia is worthy of the highest praise.

Mia attended Horace Mann High School in Gary, where she participated in theater and was a member of the school’s talented dance troop. After graduating in 1997, Mia’s interest in hairstyling and makeup blossomed as she attended Merrillville Beauty College and Columbia College in Chicago before enrolling at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from Jackson State University, Mia completed a Professional Internship for Wigs and Makeup at the famed Juilliard School in New York City where she honed her craft. After completing her studies, Mia remained in New York and has amassed an impressive career in her field, designing hair and makeup for many stage productions and feature films.

While Mia has certainly had a successful career, her greatest accomplishment is being

a mother to her son, James G. Deacon. Mia is daughter of Dena Holland Neal, a longtime active community member in Gary and Pastor at Peace United Church in Merrillville, Indiana, and the sister of Nia and Therman Neal, as well as the cherished aunt of DeWayne, Jordan, and Karren. Mia’s grandparents, James and Dorothy Holland, also hold deep roots in Gary. James taught at Roosevelt High School for more than fifteen years and served as Gary’s first Deputy Mayor from 1976 to 1988.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Mia Neal on her historic Oscar award and congratulate her for this outstanding accomplishment. She has made her family, the entire Gary community, and all of Northwest Indiana so very proud.

PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS
ACT

HON. KATHY E. MANNING

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. As a working mother, this bill is very personal to me.

When I was pregnant with my third child, I experienced premature labor and my doctor ordered me to be on bed rest for ten weeks.

I was fortunate to work for an employer who allowed me to keep my job, work a reduced schedule from home, and continue earning my wages.

After my daughter was born, I was still able to take my full maternity leave to care for her.

Once I returned to the office, I continued to work for that same firm for many years, in part because of the accommodations that were made for me during my pregnancy.

This is an experience that should not be unique to me.

The Pregnant Workers’ Fairness Act will ensure that every person who needs reasonable accommodations during pregnancy will be given those accommodations so they can continue to support their family and contribute to their workplace.

I am proud to cast my vote in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and I urge my colleagues to join me.

Madam Speaker, I also include in the RECORD a letter from the National Education Association.

MAY 11, 2021.

Hon. ROBERT C. SCOTT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SCOTT: On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to vote YES on the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (H.R. 1065). Votes on this issue may be included in the NEA Report Card for the 117th Congress.

More than three-quarters of women—half the American workforce and nearly 80 percent of educators—will be pregnant and employed at some point in their lives. Women are important breadwinners in their families, yet all too often, pregnant women are pushed out of their jobs or forced to risk their health to continue earning a paycheck. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2021 would help by:

Clarifying existing laws and creating a uniform national standard for reasonable accommodations for pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions;

Providing reasonable accommodations to pregnant women to reduce health risks to them and their babies;

Prohibiting employers from denying a pregnant worker employment opportunities or forcing the worker to take an accommodation that she does not want or need;

Prohibiting employers from forcing a pregnant worker to take leave when another reasonable accommodation could keep her on the job;

Requiring the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to make rules implementing the law, including a list of exemplary accommodations that should be provided unless they pose an undue hardship to employers; and

Addressing this issue through a framework modeled after the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Every pregnant worker should be able to support her family, without risking the health either of herself or her unborn child. H.R. 1065 is crucial to bringing about fairness in the workplace for pregnant workers, and we urge you to vote YES.

Sincerely,

MARC EGAN,
Director of Government Relations,
National Education Association.

HONORING MARY MAGDALENE
WHITEHEAD’S 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Magdalene Whitehead’s 106th birthday. Mrs. Whitehead is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Mrs. Whitehead is beloved by her community, where she is known as “Big Mom” for her warmth, kindness, and wisdom that she offers children and parents alike. Mrs. Whitehead has babysat generations of children and served as a sounding board for scores of overwhelmed and grateful parents. It is clear to everyone that knows Mrs. Whitehead, that she has made the most of each of her one-hundred and six years.

I wish her the best at achieving this milestone.

HONORING JEFF MILLER AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Miller, the retired West Des Moines police officer who is currently walking across the entire state of Iowa in honor of his sister Linda, who passed away from Alzheimer’s disease.

Jeff has been hiking across the state for about a week now in the hopes of raising money and awareness for Alzheimer’s disease. He started his cross-state journey on Saturday the 24th in Akron and plans to follow

Highway 3 to Dubuque, which is approximately 325 miles east, documenting his journey via YouTube along the way. Jeff has been camping when he can, but the kindhearted people of Iowa have also opened their homes and sponsored hotel stays for Jeff so he can be well rested enough to resume his treks the next day. Jeff has also opened his walk to anyone who wishes to walk alongside him, if only for a mile or two.

Jeff's sister Linda was diagnosed with early on-set Alzheimer's in 2012 and lost her battle five years later. According to Jeff's page on the Walk to End Alzheimer's website, Linda always referred to Jeff as her "bratty little brother," but you can't doubt the closeness the two shared as he makes his way to the Mississippi River.

Jeff is asking for donations to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Linda and those who have been affected by the disease. The Alzheimer's Association provides care to all those facing Alzheimer's. Their goals and missions are to drive research toward treatment, prevention and, ultimately a cure, as well as speak up for the needs and rights of people affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Jeff's goal with this hike is to raise awareness and donations, but he also wishes for it to be a beacon of hope and understanding for people. He hopes it reminds Iowans to love their family and friends, and to hold each other as close as they can for as long as they can.

It is incredibly honorable to use your voice to raise awareness for those who cannot always raise awareness for themselves, but actions sometimes speak louder than words. Jeff's devotion to his family and to the cause are undoubtedly admirable, and we as Iowans will continue to cheer Jeff on in his mission to bring awareness to Alzheimer's disease. It is my honor to recognize Jeff Miller as our Iowan of the Week.

VINYARD WIND OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD an article written by David Stevenson, the Director of the Center of Energy and Environmental Policy at the Caesar Rodney Institute. This article summarizes many of the various concerns raised by multiple stakeholders with regard to current plans for offshore wind development on the United States' Outer Continental Shelf. These concerns are particularly timely in light of the Biden Administration's approval of the Vineyard Wind Offshore Wind Project off the coast of Massachusetts earlier this week.

For years I have sought to raise concerns with proposed offshore wind projects relating to commercial and recreational fisheries, navigational safety, national security, natural resources, environmental conservation and the impacts these massive projects have on local communities. Nonetheless, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has decided to move ahead with the approval of this project without adequately accommodating these concerns. I fear that this project is a harbinger of what is to come and that in the not-so-distant

future, much of our East Coast will be pocked by these large industrial projects to the detriment of all of the interests I have already mentioned.

Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow members and the Biden administration to address these issues before it is too late to ensure the responsible development of our treasured coastal and marine resources.

[From CRI News, May 4, 2021]

OFFSHORE WIND TOO UGLY FOR THE HAMPTONS BUT OK FOR OTHER BEACH RESORTS?

(By David T. Stevenson, Director Center for Energy & Environmental Policy)

Officials in New York and the Federal Government determined that the proposed offshore wind turbine lease area off the Hamptons is too close and ruins the serene ocean viewshed. They also noted it is a threat to navigation, fishing, and endangered marine mammals.

The Fairway lease areas sit as close as 12 miles off the Long Island coast near the Hamptons.

In official comments to the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) submitted July 30, 2018, New York suggested the wind turbines be no closer than 20 miles from shore. This recommendation was based upon an earlier study by BOEM that concluded that 600-foot-high turbines produced a "dominate impact" on the beach view 15 miles offshore.

Adjusting for the new 50% taller turbines, the suggested distance from the shore should be 30 miles. In Europe, the closest lease area for these jumbo turbines is 44 miles out.

The New York decision begs the question of why lease areas from Maryland to Massachusetts aren't being rejected on the same merits.

There are four proposed lease areas within 20 miles of the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Block Island. Another four lease areas are off southern New Jersey, Delaware, and Ocean City, Maryland, which range between 10 and 13 miles off major beach resorts.

Yet BOEM is about to approve the "Vineyard Wind" project just 14 miles from shore, establishing a precedent likely to influence federal decisions on all the other projects.

Visibility is a small part of New York's concerns. The State's extensive outreach revealed proposed lease areas posed a great concern to a high number of commercial and for-hire fishermen.

The passage around or between wind farms could pose a safety risk for vessels attempting to maintain a course heading and could increase vessel costs, especially for the fishing industry facing daily hazards and a potential loss of fishing gear.

The BOEM Final Environmental Impact Statement for the "Vineyard Wind" project concluded that the leases would have a major impact on Coast Guard Search and Rescue Operations.

They also determined a major negative impact on scientific studies used to determine the annual fishing limits for various species. Both impacts relate to the need to fly higher to find people in need of rescue and to make fish counts.

There are other potential environmental impacts.

There are only 356 endangered Northern Right Whales left, and they regularly visit many of the proposed lease areas. Recent accidental deaths were caused by vessel strikes, entanglements, and ocean noise, all of which will be worsened by offshore wind projects.

Horseshoe crab blood is the only known substance for testing antigens in vaccine development. The COVID-19 vaccine could not

have been developed without it. The blood is harvested, and the crabs are returned to the sea. The crabs burrow into the sandy seafloor to hibernate for the winter, primarily in a federal reserve off the New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland coast.

Offshore wind projects, with acres of cement and rocks to prevent sand scouring, would land on top of the reserve, and electric cables and turbines will create noise and electromagnetic fields with an unknown impact on the crabs. The crab's eggs are critical food for migrating birds like the endangered Red Knot.

The problems discussed above are common to the eight lease areas located too close to shore.

The Hamptons have some of the most expensive beachfront home values in the country. Many of those homes are owned by wealthy Manhattanites. One can only wonder how much influence these wealthy folks had on the decision to shut down the Fairways lease areas.

What's good enough for New Yorkers should be good enough for the rest of the East Coast.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUCKEY AUTOMOTIVE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stuckey Automotive in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania for its commitment to the United States flag and our community.

Since 1985, Stuckey Ford has proudly flown a 50-foot American flag. This patriotic display has become a hallmark of the Hollidaysburg landscape.

This week, a flag-raising ceremony will mark the replacement of the original flagpole. I am proud to join the Stuckey Family and members of our community for this cherished event to witness the initial flag-raising.

As we commemorate this transition, I thank Matt Stuckey, President of Stuckey Automotive, and his team for their unwavering commitment to the flag. This longstanding tradition is an important part of our community fabric, and it showcases Blair County's great respect for our Nation's flag.

A leader in Blair County, Stuckey Automotive is a key part of our community and local economy. First founded as Replogle Motor Company, its history began before World War II. Will and Barbara Stuckey bought the business, which was incorporated as Will Stuckey Ford in 1959. For decades, Stuckey Automotive has grown in both size and workforce. Today, with nearly 300 employees, this family-owned business remains committed to its mission of delivering exemplary service to Pennsylvanians.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am honored to recognize Stuckey Automotive for its incredible commitment to our community and our nation, and I look forward to the continuation of this patriotic display.